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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - AGENDA ITEM 12: REGIONAL
COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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1. DEPT HAS PROBLEMS WITH OPERATIVE PARA 3 OF RESOLUTION
TRANSMITTED REFTTEL, AS IT IS TOTALLY CONTRARY TO OUR
POSITION REGARDING THE REGULAR UN BUDGET. WHILE WE SUPPORT
INCREASED ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS,
ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED TO UNDERTAKE PROGRAMS SHOULD
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BE REPROGRAMMED FROM MONIES ALREADY ALLOCATED IN THE
REGULAR BUDGET FOR THESE PURPOSES. WE DO NOT WISH TO SEE
AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR BUDGET FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. THUS, DEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO HAVE PARA 3 CHANGED ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES:

"REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPROGRAM FUNDS IN THE REGULAR BUDGET OF THE UN, AS APPROPRIATE, TO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN EXECUTING ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND TO UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE DECENTRALIZATION OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FROM UN HEADQUARTERS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION EFFORTS TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF PROGRAM AMONG

VARIOUS UN BODIES AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE UN SECRETARIAT UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/197".

3. WE ALSO SEE PROBLEMS WITH OPERATIVE PARA 2 CALLING FOR THE FULL ASSUMPTION BY REGIONAL COMMISSIONS OF EXECUTING AGENCY FUNCTIONS OF EXISTING PROJECTS. THIS APPEARS TO BE TOO SWEEPING A MANDATE. WE WOULD PREFER LANGUAGE MODIFYING THIS SOMEWHAT, GRANTING REGIONAL COMMISSIONS EXECUTING AGENCY FUNCTIONS WHERE APPROPRIATE, FOR PROJECTS WHICH THEY ARE THE BEST QUALIFIED AGENCY TO ADMINISTER. WE ALSO FEEL IT IS IMPROPER TO CALL ON THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR TO IMPLEMENT THE CHANGE, AND THIS SHOULD BE DELETED.

4. IF BOTH CHANGES ARE ACCEPTED USDEL MAY COSPONSOR. IF PARA 3 CHANGE IS NOT ACCEPTED YOU SHOULD CALL FOR A VOTE AND ABSTAIN, MAKING APPROPRIATE STATEMENT. IF PARA 2 CHANGE IS NOT ACCEPTED, BUT PARA 3 IS, YOU MAY GO ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS MAKING APPROPRIATE STATEMENT. YOUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATEMENT SHOULD DRAW ON THE ABOVE, AND NOTE THE FACT THAT AS EXECUTING AGENCY THE COMMISSIONS WOULD RECEIVE THE 14 PERCENT OVERHEAD FUNDS WHICH IS DESIGNED TO COVER THEIR COSTS OF EXECUTION. CHRISTOPHER

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